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Elizabeth Lauber
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*Re: Formal Complaint 08-FC-173; Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law
by the South Bend Common Council*

Dear Ms. Lauber:

This advisory opinion is in response to your formal complaint, filed July 14, 2008, alleging South Bend Common Council ("Council") violated the Open Door Law ("ODL") (Ind. Code 5-14-1.5) by conducting a meeting without proper notice. I have previously addressed this issue in *Opinion of the Public Access Counselor 08-FC-167*, which I issued on July 17, 2008. Because the issue presented here is identical to the issue in that matter, I have enclosed a copy of that opinion for your reference. For the reasons set forth in *Opinion of the Public Access Counselor 08-FC-167*, it is my opinion the Council did not violate the ODL.

Best regards,

Heather Willis Neal
Public Access Counselor

Cc: Timothy Rouse, South Bend Common Council